(d) the number of villages likely to be covered during that period in the eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RUAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The Construction of roads including rural roads is state subject under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and funds for the same are being provided in the State Plan/Budget.

(b) As construction of roads is a state subject, the Central Government is not maintaining any statistics regarding construction of roads at District level.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan is still under formulation and yet to be finalised.

(d) Does not arise.

**Research and Development by small scale entrepreneurs**

4473. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any policy to encourage Research and Development even by the small entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the incentives offered to them for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government are aware about the refusal of Chandigarh Administration to permit even minor changes in the construction of their industrial sheds by small, young an dynamic entrepreneurs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Government has been encouraging the Research and Development activities in the industry including the small scale entrepreneurs. The incentives offered to industry in this direction include: the scheme initiated by the Government for according recognition to the In-house Research and Development units in industry; import of equipment and raw material including pilot plant for research and development under Open General Licence; Income Tax concessions on expenditure incurred on scientific research and investments made on scientific equipment and capital assets; awards to industrial R&D units on their outstanding achievements; enhanced accelerated depreciation on the plant and machinery installed based on the indigenous technology.

(c) to (e). Permission for changes in the construction of the Industrial sheds or refusals thereof are being done as per the terms and conditions of the allotment and the building bye laws of Chandigarh Administration.

**Refund of Booking Amount by Scooter Manufacturing Companies**

4474. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some scooter manufacturing companies have accepted deposits against orders booked on them; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to ensure that these deposits are returned with interest to the concerned depositors well in time on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The acceptance of advance money against booking is considered a contractual obligation between the customers and the company. However, with a view to safeguarding the interest of the customers, Government have issued revised guidelines for acceptance and deployment of advance money against booking received by the automobile manufacturers.

**Foreign Exchange Earned by Maruti Udyog Limited**

4475. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that even after so many years after the commissioning of Maruti Udyog Limited, the foreign exchange outgo is 21/2 times of inflow and the exports are merely 6 per cent of the total production in terms of quantity;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange inflow and the outgoing foreign exchange of Maruti Udyog Limited during the last 3 years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) has earned more foreign exchange during the first half of the current financial year than what it spent for import of components, including those for export vehicles, the figures being Rs. 122.78 crores and Rs.101.12 crore respectively. During the same period, the production was 62,000 vehicles and export was 10,729 vehicles, which is around 17%.

(c) The details regarding the foreign exchange earned and the foreign exchange spent for import of components during the last three years are us under:-

| *Year* | *F.E.spent for components imported (Rs. in crores)* | *F.E. Earned (Rs.in crores)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1988-89 | 162.59 | 13.78 |
| 1989-90 | 171.99 | 39.89 |
| 1990-91 | 171.14 | 72.91 |
| 1991-92* | 101.12 | 122.78 |

*Provisional
(till 30-9-91)

**Forest based Industry in Tamil Nadu**

4476. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals for setting up of forest industry in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken by the union Government thereon; and

(c) the number of applications received